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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Old Broad Street, E.C. 4. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOREN, Ludgate Circus, E.C. 4. BATES & LEROY & Co., 37, Pall Mall, E.C. 1. SANDERSON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street. PARIS AND EUROPE.—GALLIER & PRINCE, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WICK, 21, Park Row. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOREN, Melbourne and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco. SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—AYER & Co., Singapore. C. HENRIKSEN & Co., Manila. CHINA.—MACAO, MESSRS. A. DE MELLO & Co., Suva. QUEENSLAND & Co., Amoy. WILSON, NICHOLS & Co., Fookien. HEDDERLEY & Co., Shanghai. LAU, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CLAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, £4,400,000
RESERVE FOR EQUATION, £400,000
OF DIVIDENDS, £400,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS, £7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman.—P. McLEOD, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—Hon. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
C. D. BORTOLLEY, Esq.
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Hon. E. SASSOON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.
HONGKONG.—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER.
SHANGHAI.—ERVEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 months, 4 per cent. " "
" 12 months, 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and the premises in Hongkong, Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.
- 3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.
- 4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.
- 5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.
- 6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.
- 8.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with the payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 10.—Persons containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondences as to the business of the Bank will, if marked *On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business*, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.
- 12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

WITH Reference to the above, BUSINESS will be commenced on the 1st MAY, 1884.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Acts 1862, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:
UNION BANK OF LONDON, Ltd.
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 months " 4 " "
" 12 months " 5 " "
Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.
J. MELVILLE MATSON,
Manager.
Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MR. FREDERICK DELANO HITCH in our Firm in Hongkong, China and elsewhere CEASED on the 30th June last.

RUSSELL & Co.
China, 1st January, 1885. 14

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the Undersigned CHARLES HUGHES & LEGGIE, is hereby dissolved.

WILLIAM LEGGIE.
HONGKONG, January 1, 1885. 12

NOTICE.

REFERRING to the Notice of the DISSOLUTION of the Firm of HUGHES & LEGGIE, I will continue the BUSINESS of SHANGHAI and LONDON BANKERS in my own Name from this date.

WILLIAM LEGGIE.
Hongkong, January 1, 1885. 13

NOTICE.

OWING to the DISSOLUTION of the Firm of HUGHES & LEGGIE, I will continue the BUSINESS of SHARE AND GENERAL BROKER and AUCTIONEER in my own Name from this date.

E. JONES HUGHES.
Hongkong, January 1, 1885. 9

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of the late MR. ARTHUR SMITH in our Firms at Canton and Fookien CEASED on 22nd August, 1884.

BIRLEY & Co.
Canton, 1st January, 1885. 10

NOTICE.

I HAVE Admitted Mr. NOORMA-HOMED JAJIRABHOY PEERBHOY, as PARTNER in my Firms, carried on at BOMBAY, HONGKONG, and SHANGHAI, in my own Name, from Kartak Sood 1st Savant Year, 1941 (19th October, 1884), and the said Firms will henceforth be designated and carried on under the Style of 'JAJIRABHOY PEERBHOY & Co.'

JAJIRABHOY PEERBHOY.
Bombay, November 10, 1884. 2039

NOTICE.

WITH Reference to the above, Mr. JAJIRABHOY PEERBHOY is authorised to SIGN our Firms in China from this date.

JAJIRABHOY PEERBHOY & Co.
Hongkong, December 8, 1884. 2060

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED on the 23rd Instant until the 8th Proximo, both days inclusive.

HENRY R. H. MARTIN,
Manager.
Hongkong, December 18, 1884. 2137

NOTICE.

THE MITSU BISHI MAIL S.S. Co. having taken over the NAGASAKI DOCK, SLIP and ENGINEERING WORKS, are now prepared to Dock and REPAIR VESSELS, at moderate terms.

THE DOCK is one of the largest and best in the East, being 431 feet long and 89 feet broad, and having a depth of water on blocks at spring tides of 27 feet and near tides 22 feet.

THE SHOPS contain Machine-tools of all descriptions and compound Engines up to 1,000 horse-power. The heaviest-class of work can be undertaken at the shortest notice.

Powerful lifting SHEARS are being erected.
For further Particulars, apply to
H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 18, 1884. 2135

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDERS in the COMPANIA NAVIERA DE FILIPINAS OF MANILA are requested to communicate with the Undersigned.

DUNN, MELBYE & Co.
Hongkong, December 18, 1884. 2100

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER.

CUTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, COCK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 256

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

MAW'S BEEF TEA APPARATUS for the production of FRESH EXTRACT OF MEAT.

TRAVELLING COMFORTS of new construction for making TEA, OR COFFEE, OR BOILING EGGS AND FRYING.

THE REGULATING 'RECHAUD' STOVE, complete, with KETTLE AND STEWPAN, (will boil a pint of water in 5 minutes).

THE SAFETY PORCELAIN FOOD WARMER.

PRICE'S PYRAMID NURSERY LAMP.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, December 31, 1884. 2206

EX STEAMSHIP GLENCOE.

LADIES' BLACK SPUN SILK JERSEYS.
LADIES' LIGHT-COLOURED SILK JERSEY GLOVES.
BLACK SPANISH LACE FLOUNCING for Evening Dresses, 30 inches wide.
LADIES' BLACK LILE THREAD HOSE.
A few NOVELTIES in LADIES' EVENING SHOES.
BLACK AND COLOURED RIBBONS, all widths.
Best Quality EAU DE COLOGNE.

GENTLEMEN'S TENNIS SHOES, all sizes.
GENTLEMEN'S PRIMROSE AND WHITE KID GLOVES, 2 Buttons.
N.B.—The Primrose Kid Gloves for Gentlemen are a specialty for evening wear.
In accordance with the usual custom our Store will be CLOSED on NEW YEAR'S DAY.

W. POWELL & Co.
Hongkong, December 29, 1884. 2191

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hosiers, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters.

QUEEN'S ROAD, OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL.

Superfine

BLACK CLOTH

DRESS SUITS,

THIRTY DOLLARS.

Hongkong, November 20, 1884. 1950

Intimations.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

DIRECTOR'S LOAN FOR \$140,000.

COUPONS for INTEREST falling due on 31st December, 1884, will be Paid on Presentation at the Office of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Hongkong, on and after that date.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, December 31, 1884. 17

LOST, on the Evening of ST. GEORGE'S BALL, A NEW ULSTER COAT (dark cloth). Any information regarding above will be thankfully received by Owner.

Apply China Mail Office.
Hongkong, January 2, 1885. 5

LADY living near Plymouth, England, wishes to TAKE CHARGE of Young Children to board and Educate. Every care taken. For terms, apply to SYMS & SOO, Furnival Inn, London. W1884 1w2 2120

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

In the Matter of the Bankrupt Estate of VOGEL & Co.

THE Adjoined DIVIDEND MEETING in the above Matter will be held before the REGISTRAR at his Chamber, Supreme Court, on MONDAY, the 6th January, 1885, at 11 a.m.

EDW. J. ACKROYD,
Registrar.
Registry, Supreme Court, 29th December, 1884. 2204

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS of NOTES of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH), are hereby requested to present them to the Liquidators of the Bank, when they will be given in Exchange, a certificate of the value of the Notes deposited.

HOLDERS of NOTES will be required to furnish to the Liquidators of the Bank, a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of Issue, Number and Amount of each Note produced.

Forms of Schedule may be had on application at the Office of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR
OF THE
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,
By his Attorneys,
J. MELVILLE MATSON,
H. HOWARD TAYLOR.

Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1285

D. E. GRIFFITH & Co.
MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON AERATED WATERS,
Have Removed from the BEACONSFIELD AERAGE to larger Premises
1, DUDELL STREET,
Where they continue to Supply:
SODA WATER, LEMONADE, GINGERBREAD, RASPBERRYADE, &c., &c., &c.
At the same Moderate Charges.
D. E. GRIFFITH,
Proprietor.
Hongkong, July 28, 1884. 1246

EXTRA FINE-QUALITY FRENCH BUTTER, BRAND 'DUC DE NORMANDIE,'—THE OLDEST BUTTER PAUKING ESTABLISHMENT IN NORMANDY.

IN 1 lb. tins and Cases of 48 tins each. Sold in Quantities of not less than one dozen tins, at \$8 per Dozen.
Reduction made to Purchasers of one case and upwards.
G. R. LAMBERT,
Sole Agent.
Hongkong, October 4, 1884. 1683

Intimations.

'SULPHOLINE LOTION.'

AN External Means of CURING SKIN DISEASES. There is scarcely any eruption but will yield to 'Sulpholine' in a few days, and commences to fade away, even if it seems past cure. Ordinary pimples, redness, blotches, scurf, roughness, vanish as if by magic; whilst old, enduring skin disorders, that have plagued the sufferers for years, however deeply rooted they may be, 'Sulpholine' will successfully attack them. It destroys the animalcule which cause these unsightly, irritable, painful affections, and always produces a clear, healthy, natural condition of the skin. 'Sulpholine' Lotion is sold by most Chemists. Bottles, 2s. 6d. Made only by J. PEPPER & Co., London.

LIVER COMPLAINTS.

DR. KING'S DANDELION & QUININE LIVER PILLS (without Mercury). THE BEST REMEDY FOR BILIOUSNESS, STOMACH DERANGEMENT, FLATULENCE, PAINS BETWEEN THE SHOULDERS, BAD APPETITE, INDIGESTION, ACIDITY, HEADACHE, HEARTBURN, and all other symptoms of disordered liver and digestive apparatus. Acknowledged by many eminent surgeons to be the safest and mildest pills for every constitution. In boxes, at 1s. 1d., 2s. 6d., and 4s. 6d. Sold by Chemists throughout the world.

PEPPER'S QUININE & IRON TONIC

USES and develops the nervous energy, enriches the blood, promotes appetite, dispels languor and depression, fortifies the digestive organs. Is a specific remedy for malaria, indigestion, fever, chest affections, and in wasting diseases, scrofulous tendencies, &c. The whole frame is greatly invigorated by Pepper's Tonic, the mental faculties brightened, the constitution greatly strengthened, and a return to robust health certain. Bottles, 3s. 6d., 4s. 6d. Sold by Chemists everywhere. Made only by J. PEPPER & Co., London.

TARAXACUM & PODOPHYLLIN.

THIS fluid combination, extracted from medicinal roots, is now used instead of blue pill and calomel for the cure of dyspepsia, biliousness, and all symptoms of congestion of the liver, which are generally pain beneath the shoulders, headache, drowsiness, no appetite, furred tongue, disagreeable taste in the morning, giddiness, disturbance of the stomach, and fainting of general depression. It is the safest medicine. Taraxacum and Podophyllin is a fluid made only by J. PEPPER, Bedford Laboratory, London, whose name is on every label. Bottles, 2s. 6d. Sold by all Chemists.

LOCKYER'S SULPHUR HAIR RESTORE

WILL darken grey hair, and in a few days completely bring back the natural colour. The effect is superior to that produced by a direct dye, and does not injure the skin. Large bottles, 1s. 6d. Lockyer's is equal to the most expensive hair restorer.

LOCKYER'S SULPHUR HAIR RESTORE

IS the best for restoring grey hair to its former colour. It produces a perfectly natural shade, and is quite harmless. Valuable for destroying scurf and encouraging growth of new hair. Sold everywhere. 1lb2 3y 1w2 1m2 1m2

MANILA CIGARS.

WE HAVE Received a Large Stock of our 'SPECIAL VIGOROUS,' and they can now be PURCHASED of the following Agents:—

CANTON, FOCHOW, SHANGHAI, HANKOW, TIENTSIN AND MANILA.
A. S. WATSON & Co.
SWATOW.—Messrs. QUELON & Co.
AMOI.—Mr. N. MOULLE.
Hongkong, December 5, 1884. 2045

NOTICE.

THE attention of Connoisseurs in MANILA CIGARS is invited to our Stock of 'SPECIAL VIGOROUS,' a smoke made to our order from the Finest Leaf Tobacco of the Philippines. In Boxes of 100 price \$3.50.

A. S. WATSON & Co.
Hongkong, November 3, 1884. 1857

HEALTH

Is not possible when the blood is impure, and recovery from any ailment must be slow and unsatisfactory while the impure blood remains. The blood may be corrupted by the want of regular exercise, and the poison of Mercurial and other drugs, and also by impurities in the blood, which are the cause of many diseases, and which are the cause of many diseases, and which are the cause of many diseases.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

Is the only medicine that will thoroughly purify the blood. In millions of cases, during nearly forty years in which it has been the best of remedies for purifying the blood, it has been the best of remedies for purifying the blood, it has been the best of remedies for purifying the blood.

PREPARED BY
Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.
Sold by all druggists. Price 25c. Six bottles for \$1.

Agents for
HONGKONG, CHINA AND MANILA.
A. S. WATSON & Co.

FOR SALE.

EXTRA FINE-QUALITY FRENCH BUTTER, BRAND 'DUC DE NORMANDIE,'—THE OLDEST BUTTER PAUKING ESTABLISHMENT IN NORMANDY.

IN 1 lb. tins and Cases of 48 tins each. Sold in Quantities of not less than one dozen tins, at \$8 per Dozen.

Reduction made to Purchasers of one case and upwards.
G. R. LAMBERT,
Sole Agent.
Hongkong, October 4, 1884. 1683

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 5th January, 1885, at 11 a.m., at Messrs. D. Musso & Co.'s Godowns, Praya West,—

(For Account of whom it may Concern),
3 Bales each 30-Pairs BLANKETS.
3 do. do. 60 JACKETS.
200 Pairs CHINESE SHOES.
2 Picnic Bost RAW SILK.
80 Cables RAW SILK.
A Quantity of BRASSWARE and BRASSWARE.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.
G. R. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, December 30, 1884. 2201

To Let.

TO LET.

'COLLEGE CHAMBERS' (late Hotel DE L'UNIVERS), Single Rooms or SUITES of APARTMENTS.
Nos. 4 and 13, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
No. 268, PRAYA CENTRAL.
No. 44, GRAHAM STREET.

Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, December 24, 1884. 2165

STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE in Commodious and well ventilated GODOWNS on the New Promises in DUDELL STREET, next to the ORIENTAL BANK.

G. R. LAMBERT.
Hongkong, December 27, 1884. 2178

TO LET.

NOS. 1 and 6, RICHMOND TERRACE, HONGKONG.
The Premises lately occupied by Messrs. SAYLE & Co. ('VICTORIA EXCHANGE') in Queen's Road, with Dwelling-house above and Godown on Ground-floor. To be let either in conjunction with Store or separately. Possession from 1st November next.

Apply to
H. A. WOOLNHOUSE,
Hongkong Dispensary.
Hongkong, October 11, 1884. 1731

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 30, CAINE ROAD.

Possession from 1st January, 1885.

Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, December 23, 1884. 2164

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer *Praha Chom Kio*, Capt. H. STRATTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 4th January, 1885, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
YUEN FAT HONG,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 31, 1884. 2207

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship *Nemco*, Capt. PIRMAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 4th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 2, 1885. 2

FOR SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

The Steamship *Chi-yuen*, Capt. McCLELLAN, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 5th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1885. 7

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOI.

The Co.'s Steamship *Esmeralda*, Capt. TAYLOR, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 5th Inst., at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 2, 1885. 8

UNION LINE.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship *Chitose*, Capt. CHANDLER, due on next, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 31, 1884. 2208

Shipping.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

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movements of the company's vessels trading
in and to Eastern seas for the year 1885.

became the ruler of one of the little states created as a result of the Russo-Turkish war. The name of his father is Prince

Vessels.	Captain.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
de Haan	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About January 8.
(s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	January 12, at 3 p.m.
Lindemann	Simssen & Co.	About January 10.
A. H. Johnson	P. & O. S. N. Co.	January 6, at 4 p.m.
Batt.	Butterfield & Swire.	January 10.
Soumers	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About January 17.
(s)	Russell & Co.	January 5, at 5 p.m.
Leurier	Swire & Co.	January 13, at noon.
de Janette (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	January 5, at 3 p.m.
Nish	Butterfield & Swire.	January 6.
McCaslin	Russell & Co.	January 5, at 4 p.m.
Kiao (s)	Yuen Fat Hong.	Jan. 4, at daylight.
Pitman	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Jan. 4, at daylight.
Ellis	Russell & Co.	January 10, at 4 p.m.
Chandler	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
Be (s)	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Quick despatch.

Stocks.	By Shares.	Value.	Up- put.	1 MONTH FOR LAST MONTH. Revenue.	Balance of Year.	Gross Dividends, Cash.
RANKS.						
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corporation...	60,000	125	125	4,400,000	51,443	110 nominal
INSURANCES.						
North-China Insurance Company, Limited ...	5,000	206	50	...	Tls. 540,107	Tls. 280 per share.
Yonghe Insurance Company, Limited ...	8,000	125	25	50,000	Tls. 135	"
Union Insurance Society Company, Limited ...	2,000	1,250	25	534,000	496,329	1460
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited ...	24,000	33.33	25	800,000	107,381	\$63 " buyers
Canton Insurance Office Company, Limited ...	10,000	250	50	105,000	469,569	\$870 " buyers
Chinese Insurance Company, Limited ...	1,500	1,000	200	28,711.50	Credit balance \$3,156.20	" nominal
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited ...	8,000	250	50	845,000	285,231.00	\$360 cash, buyers
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited ...	20,000	100	20	516,978	189,978.34	\$97
STEAM COMPANIES.						
H.K. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Limited ...	8,000	100	75	213,000	34,638	\$108
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd. 60,000 shs. issued		18,387.2	10	10	...	25 % discount do.
		31,212.2	10	8.10	...	
China and Manila S. S. Company, Limited ...	3,500	100	all	30 discount do.
MISCELLANEOUS.						
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Limited ...	10,000	125	125	18,000	6,401.66	52 cash, 56 % prem. March, buyers
H.K. and China Gas Company, Limited ...	500	10	10	\$34 per share
New Shares ...	1,900	10	7.10	8,552.17	10	
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., 3,000 shs. issued	2,000	100	\$120 " nominal
	1,000	50	
China Sugar Company, Limited ...	9,000	100	100	...	6,923.70	\$104 " nominal
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited ...	1,250	100	...	24,256.3	545.33	" cash
Hongkong Bakery Company, Limited ...	600	50	50	6,000	556.39	\$110 " buyers
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited ...	7,000	100	100	...	4,090.65	\$47
Perao Tin Mining & Smelting Co., Limited ...	5,000	50	all	...	First year \$40	" nominal
Selangore Tin Mining Co., Ltd. of Shanghai ...	2,500	50	all	...	do. \$20	" nominal
Hongkong Rope Manufactory Co., Limited ...	3,000	100	all	...	do. \$60	" buyers
LOANS.						
Chinese Imperial 1874 ...	6,276	100	all
" " 1877 ...	16,040	100	all
" " 1878 ...	3,899	500	all
" " 1881 ...	8,553	500	all
Sugar Debentures, 1890 ...	600	600	all
Rates of Interest.						
Payable.						
June 30 Dec. 31	8 %
Feb. 28 Apr. 31	8 %
April & October	8 %
June & Dec. 10	8 %
June & Dec. 11	1 %

departure.

n and to Eastern seas for the year 1885.

overtures to Germany and to United States, which resulted in a communication on the part of the Powers being made to Russia that the Russian Government should not be attacked. In saying by that statement that she was debarr'd from injuring China, did not make the threatened attack. The Government, however, instead of taking action on a similar character on the present occasion, allowed this affair to drift until a state of hostilities had been declared between the injurious to British trade. In regard to this war between China and France he must say that after reading as carefully as possible the respective statements with regard to the original claim upon Tong-King, with regard to the attack upon Lung-sun, and with regard to the ultimatum, he was satisfied that the terms of agreement came to with the French and the Chinese Plenipotentiaries he thought that right appeared to be on the side of the Chinese. They were not the aggressors, but the party attacked and injured, and that being the case, the British Government would have taken the determined measures to let France know that this state of hostilities must be brought to an early close. If the Government had spoken to France in the friendly and determined way in which Lord Salisbury would have addressed that Government, would have induced that Government to yield long since came to a satisfactory conclusion. He would remind the noble lord of the greatness of British interests at stake in China and of the importance of maintaining the strength of the British Empire in Asia. He had two great rivals in Asia, Russia and Germany, the French dominion in Tong-King, which would possibly extend to Bernam- and Hainan. Majesty's Government ought to bear in mind the possibility of France and Russia agreeing to divide China between themselves, and to take action in this way if it were possible to the present hostilities.

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press.

**CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL
REGISTER.**
AT 4 P.M.—JANUARY 2.

Station.	Barometer reduced to sea level and 32° F.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.	Rain during previous 24 hr.
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Bolinaso ...	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	30.02	85.459	SE	2	b
Haiiphong	30.29	60.881	NE	3	of
Hongkong	30.19	66.664	W	1	b
Amoy.....	30.21	65.068	NE	1	b
Shanghai.	30.40	40.544	NW	5	of
Nagasaki ..	—	—	—	—	—
Wl'ostock ..	—	—	—	—	—

AT 10 A.M.—JANUARY 3.					
Bolinao....	30.16	79	178	sw	1
Manila.....	30.16	79	178	sw	1
Hailong.....	30.34	85.9	185	n	c
Hongkong.....	30.30	84.7	181	ENE	o
Anson.....	30.31	84.0	180	NE	o
Shanghai.....	30.50	83.0	180	SE	o
Nagasaki.....	—	—	—	—	—
Wlsook.....	—	—	—	—	—

The Barometer has risen and the Temperature has fallen, especially in the North. Overcast weather prevails. Gradients indicated from N.E. wind.

W. DOBROCK,
Government Astronomer.
Hongkong Observatory, January 3.

1. BAROMETERS, reduced to 53 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURES, in the shade in degrees,

Relative Humidity. Fairly moist.
 9. **HUMIDITY**, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
 4. **DIRECTION OF WIND**, to two points.
 5. **FORCE OF WIND**, according to Beaufort Scale.
 6. **STATE OF WEATHER**, b blue sky, c detached clouds, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail / lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, r equally, s rain, t snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew (rain).
 7. **RAIN**, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, January S.	
OPIMUM—New Patna, cash.....	600/60½
" " Old " cash....	672½
" " New Benares, cash....	696½
" " Old " cash....	680
" " New Malwa, credit....	640/50
" " Allowance, faels.....	08/16
" " Old Malwa, credit....	650
" " Allowance, faels.....	16/28
" " Persian, Oily.....	435/620
" " Allowance, faels.....	08/16
" " Persian, Paper tied....	530/520
" " Allowance, faels.....	08/16

Exchange.

Bank, Wire,	9/64
" Demand " " " "	3/6½
" 30 days' sight,	3/6½
" 4 months' sight,	3/7½
" Documentary 4 months' sight,	3/7½
" India, Wire,	250
" demand,	250½
" Hangshai, demand,	72½
" 30 days' sight, private 73½	
" old Leaf 99½ fine	\$28.20
" overvalence,	\$ 5.66

Temperature.

Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises,
(Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, January 3.	
Air—	30.20
Do. — 4 P.M.—	30.24
Do. — 4 P.M.—	—

